

December 13, 2023

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held their regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. on December 13, 2023

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director and Pat Denton, Assistant Engineer.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The first meeting of the year and organizational meeting will be held on January 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The remainder of the schedule will be set at the January 3rd meeting.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to accept and file the following bids: Youngman Road Tree Cutting Project, MDOT Rest Area Maintenance and MDOT Roadside Park Maintenance. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the driveway permit variance for Dennis Dassinger on Johnson Road (Eureka Township) between W. Dick Road and W. Baker Road. This driveway is for the property owners' access only. Future improvements to or construction of the parcel shall require an alternative access point that meets the Road Commission's standards for a residential driveway. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to authorize the Manager to sign and submit the adjusted Small Urban Boundary from the 2020 Census. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Brundage:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has jurisdiction of Kroman Road west of Cedar Lake Road, Bushnell Township; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has analyzed public transportation requirements, and said road is an unimproved road right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to decertify the following portions of Kroman Road, Bushnell Township;

The portion of Kroman Road commencing 0.35 miles west of Cedar Lake Road and continuing west for 0.40 miles, T09N, R06W, Bushnell Township, Montcalm County, Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby decertifies the above-described road portion from the county road system effective December 31, 2023; this action to decertify does not imply any relinquishment of right-of-way; the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby states that any and all right-of-way within the decertified road portion shall be retained for Road Commission and utility use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Road Commission for Montcalm County shall provide a resolution copy to Bushnell Township and to the proper highway authorities.

Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to authorize the Manager to sign the title sheet for the Youngman Road Small Urban Project and the Crystal Road Federal Safety Project. Roll call – Brundage, Scott, and Linton. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Winter has been good to us so far this year. The crew has been out a couple times with a couple of equipment issues, nothing serious. Small events are good for experience and testing.
- Gravel roads are in decent shape as we were able to grade last week.
- Working on trees and cutting brush this week.
- Yale will be done with Night Patrol on the 22nd, as he is retiring. Chuck Jegla will start Night Patrol on December 23rd.
- We will be working on mowing brush on the state system over the winter with a rented Skid Steer and brush head.
- The sign truck has been painted and they are finishing assembly.
- The new Crystal Township truck is being built in Texas but waiting on parts before it can be shipped. Truck and Trailer is ready to build it once it gets here.

Engineering Report

- Engineering has begun to estimate primary road projects. We are taking advantage of the good weather.
- We are prepping bids for materials. They will be advertised in January and opened in February.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the November 30, 2023 bills totaling \$640,198.10, December 14, 2023 bills totaling \$714,864.03, Payroll #24 totaling \$127,411.20 and Payroll #25 totaling \$153,132.00. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk